

Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board

Date: Monday 6 October 2025

Time: 11:00 – 13:00

Location: Mitchell Room, Podium Level, EII Court, Hampshire County Council, Winchester

Present:

Cllr Nick Adams-King – HCC	Cllr Gareth Williams – Rushmoor BC
Fiona Stilwell – PETA	Laura Read – Marwell Wildlife
Joanna Butler – Butler Farms	Paul West
Julie Milburn – Sparsholt College Group	Cllr Phil North – Test Valley BC
Mark Smith – University of Southampton	Cllr Zoe Huggins – HCC
Cllr Martin Tod – Winchester CC	Simon Watson – Milestone Infrastructure
Nicola Kildunne – FSB	Natalie Wigman – HCC
Alastair Welch – ABP	Stephen Martin – HCC
	Jamie McKay – HCC
	Teresa Hogsbjerg – HCC

Apologies: Barney Ely – Hays
 Ross McNally – Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
 Sarah Greer – University of Winchester

		Action
1.	Welcome	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Minutes of last meeting	
2.1	A clarification was requested to point 6.1 in the minutes, regarding the feedback which HPPB had provided.	HCC
	Minutes were then agreed upon the basis of this change.	

3.	Action points from last meeting	
3.1	It was agreed that the outstanding action point about considering implementation risks would be addressed at the November HPPB meeting.	SM
4.	Conflicts of interest	
4.1	No conflicts of interest were declared.	
5.	Local Innovation Partnerships Fund	
5.1	<p>Presentation by Diana Galpin, University of Southampton and Jo Stark, University of Winchester.</p> <p>The main objectives, outputs and outcomes of the programme were presented. The focus of the proposed bid for Hampshire and the Solent is yet to be decided, but the universities will be working with partners, such as the South-Central Regional Defence and Security Cluster, to shape this, and to understand businesses' willingness to invest.</p> <p>The Board endorsed the proposed regional approach, covering the geography of the future Mayoral Combined County Authority.</p>	
6	Approach to use of LEP legacy reserves	
6.1	<p>SM introduced the item on the LEP Legacy Reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board considered the scope and flexibility of the forthcoming call for projects. • The Board agreed the recommendations set out in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of the paper. There would be no funding cap for this call for projects other than the total amount of capital funding currently available. • In respect of eligible project types, the Board endorsed Option 2, as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the paper (i.e. projects addressing the agreed HPPB priorities plus the IS-8 sectors). • The Board also agreed that match funding would be encouraged but not mandatory i.e. no minimum match funding level would be set. 	
7	Hampshire Skills Strategy – update	
7.1	<p>JM introduced the item for discussion.</p> <p>The Board highlighted the need to align the strategy with the Local Skills Improvement Plan and the Get Hampshire Working Plan. The draft strategy would be provided to the Board for its November meeting.</p> <p>The Board endorsed the approach to the development of the strategy.</p>	
8	Joining up the business support system	

8.1	<p>Andy Pringle attended the meeting to present and discuss the outputs of the work he had undertaken on the business support system across Hampshire and the Solent.</p> <p>Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses' understanding of what is available is limited. Accessing support needs to be made as simple as possible. • There are inconsistencies in current delivery across the region. Existing structures may be a barrier to maintaining a consistent and strategic approach to delivery of business support. <p>As a next step, the team will explore further the concept of a practitioner/delivery network as a way of bringing greater coherence to the system, and also the potential role of the MCCA in this area.</p>	
9	AOB	
9.1	<p>A brief overview was provided by Cllr ZH of the creation of a cultural strategy and the need for culture to be included in the Local Growth Plan. It was agreed that a further update will be provided to the board at a later date.</p>	HCC